Heterogeneous Atmospheric Dust

Individual Particle Microanalysis
Optical Property Modeling
Lab-Generated Particle Analogs

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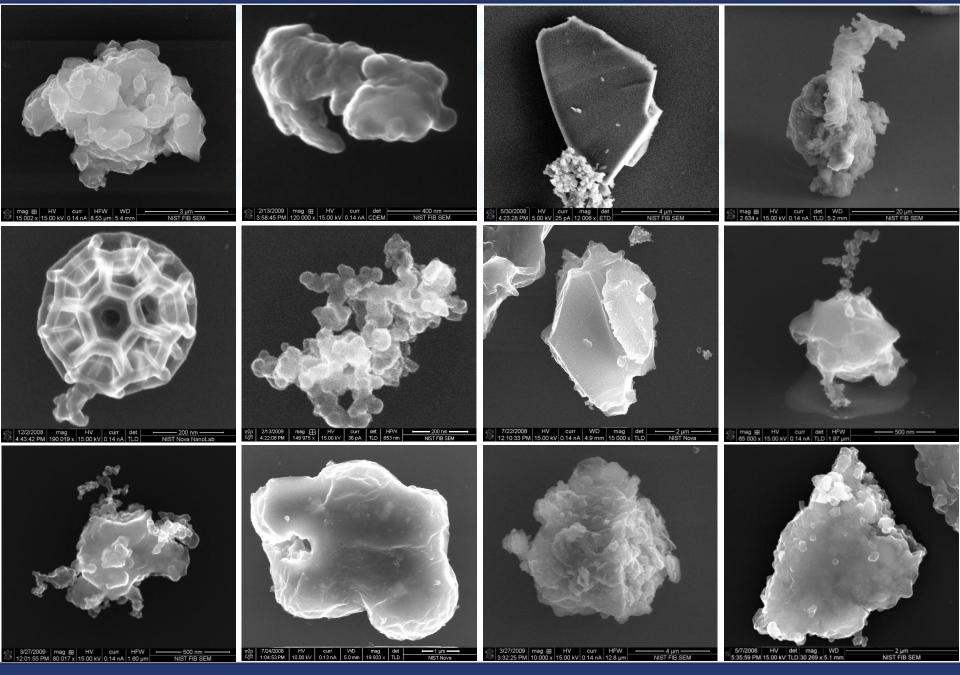
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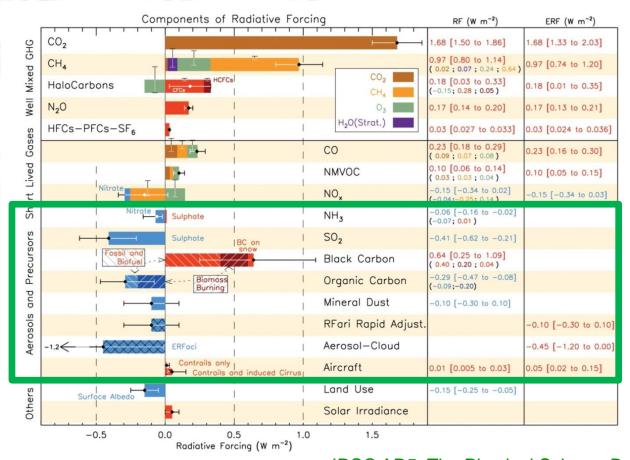


Overview

- Heterogeneous atmospheric dust:
 - Why important in climate change science
 - Goals of this research
- Microanalysis of individual particles:
 - Particle size, shape, chemical composition, internal structure
- Particle 3-D spatial models from focused ion-beam tomography
- Optical property modeling (absorption and scattering) based on 3-D spatial models
- Lab-generated atmospheric particle analogs with mixed optical phases
 - Paradigm for creating suite of mixed-phase reference materials







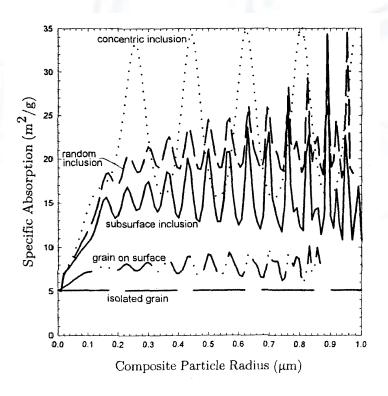
IPCC AR5, The Physical Science Basis, 2013

What's missing:

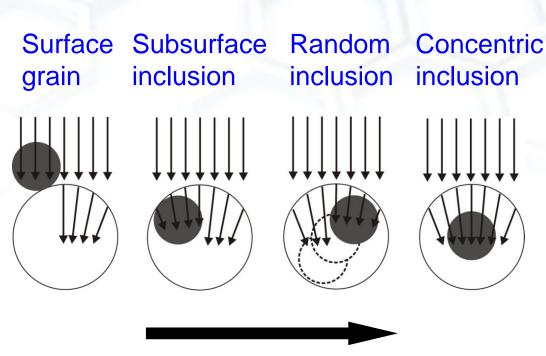
- Urban dust
- Aged aerosols (e.g., Asian pollution and dust transported to Hawaii)
- → Heterogeneous aerosols



Light Absorption in Internally-Mixed Particles



Fuller et al., *J. Geophys. Res.* 104 (1999) 15,941-15,954 (Figure 12)



Increasing specific absorption (α_a)

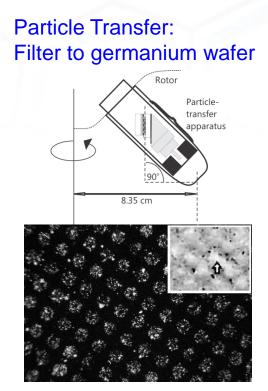
Research Goals

- Determine the extent of <u>natural variation</u> in optical properties of heterogeneous particles (scattering and absorption efficiencies) based on optical models of <u>selected</u> individual particles
- Determine differences in optical properties with respect to
 - Season
 - Geographic region (U.S. East, West, South)
 - Development (urban vs. rural)
 - Continental air vs marine air
- Generate optically heterogeneous particles in the lab as analogs of real heterogeneous particles



Microanalysis Process

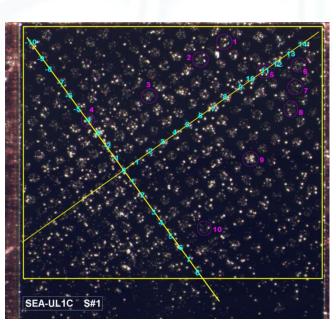
- Sample preparation
- Survey of optical behavior → Light microscopy
- Particle population analysis → Automated SEM
- Individual particle SEM analysis → X-ray spectroscopy, electron backscatter diffraction



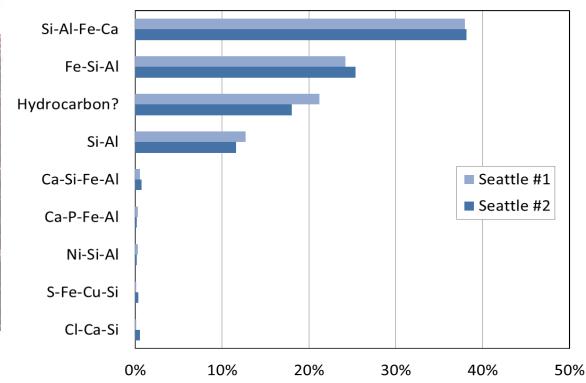




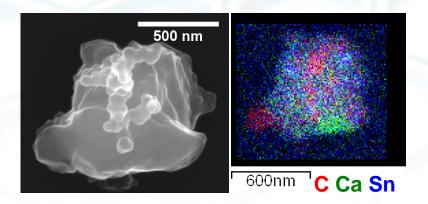
Analysis of Particle Populations

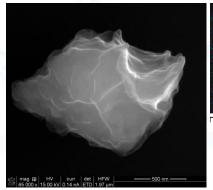


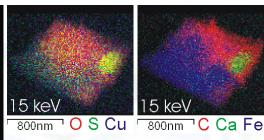
Seattle samples: Most prominent classes

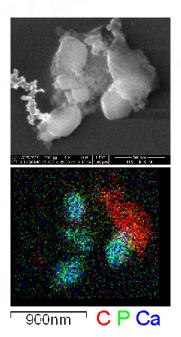


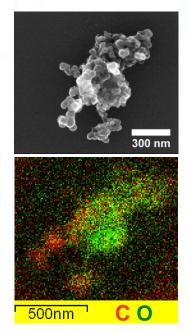
Complexity of Urban Particles: Natural or Anthropogenic?

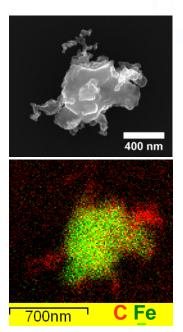


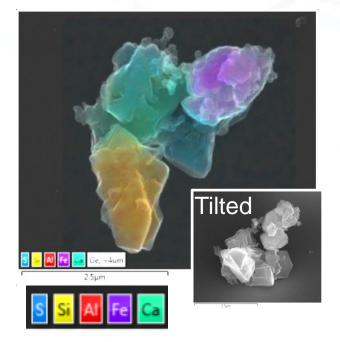




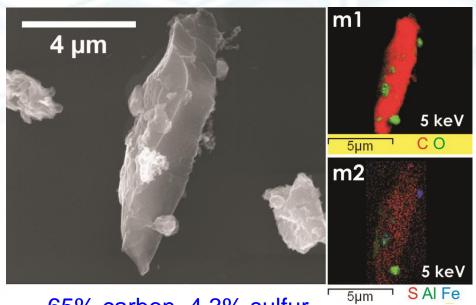








Optical Behavior of an Individual Particle

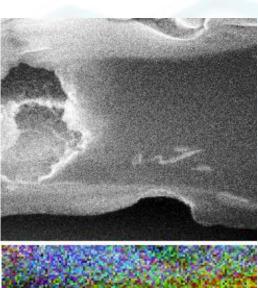


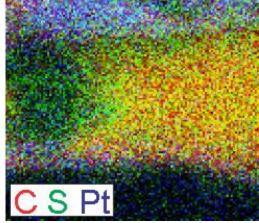
65% carbon, 4.3% sulfur

Is sulfur on the surface, e.g. $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, or throughout particle as in tire wear?

Single-scattering albedo (scattering/extinction ratio)

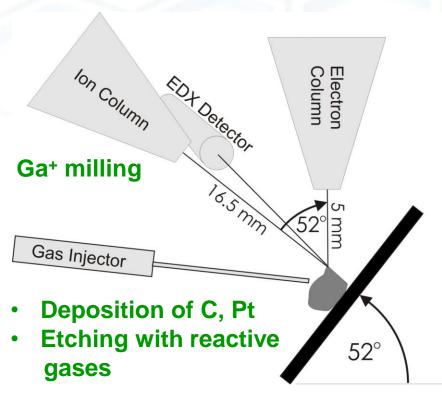
- Tire wear particle: 0.54
- If assume sulfate shell/soot core: 0.49
- If assume sulfate shell/graphite core: 0.54
 - But, backscattering 37% higher than tire wear!

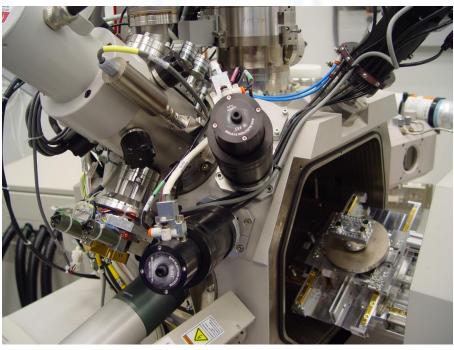




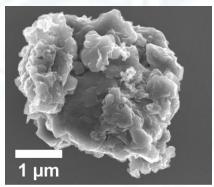


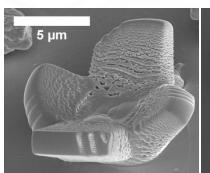
Focused Ion-Beam SEM

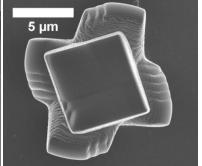


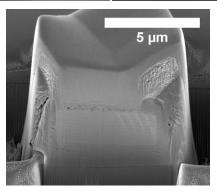


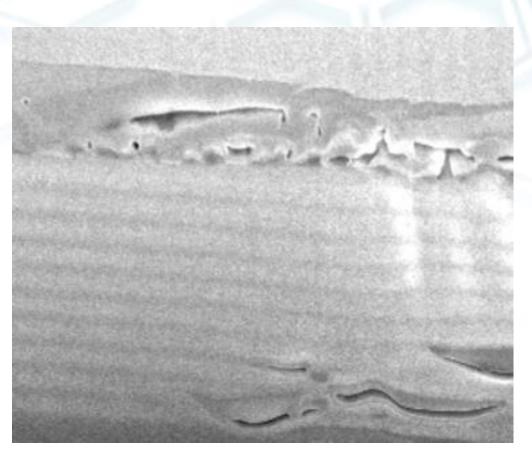
FIB Tomography



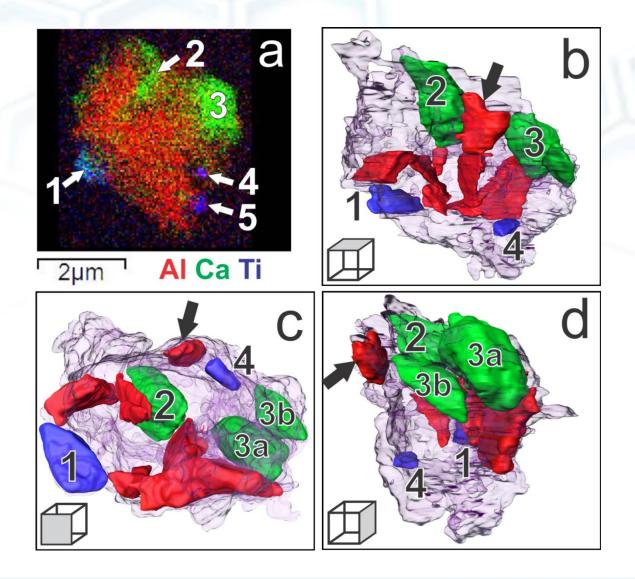








Particle Internal 3-D Structure



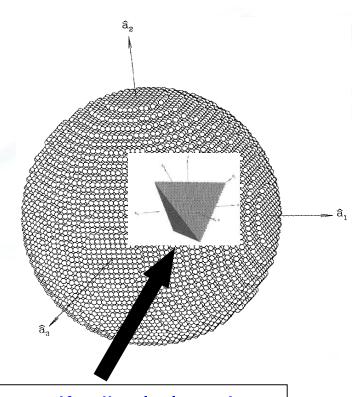


Optical Modeling: Discrete Dipole Approximation*

- Particle partitioned into M dipole 'points'
- Each dipole excited by *superposition* of external field and other dipoles' fields
- Total scattered field is numerical solution of M partial fields

Advantages

- Ideal for arbitrarily-shaped, heterogeneous, and optically-anisotropic particles
- Physical model relatively simple
- Code availability and documentation:
 DDSCAT 6.0 (Princeton Univ.)

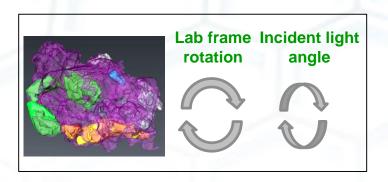


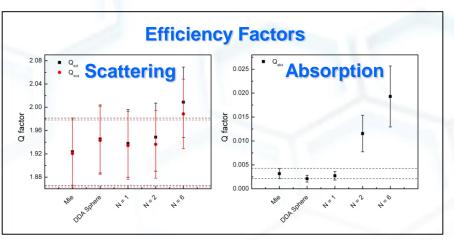
Must specify dipole locations and compositions (dielectric constant or refractive index).

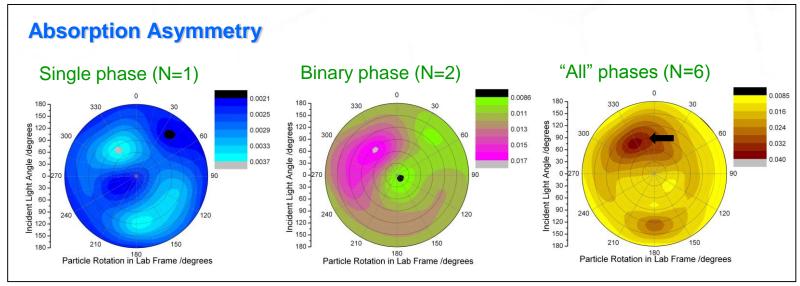
*Draine, B.T and P.J. Flatau, 1994, J. Opt. Soc. Am, 11, 1491-1499.



Optical Model From Particle 3-D Reconstruction

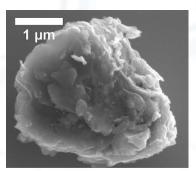


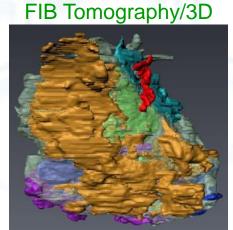




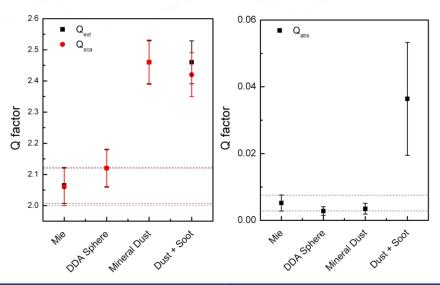


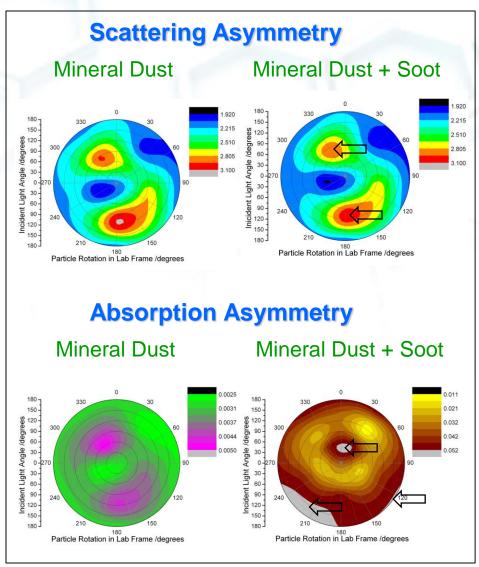
Effect of a Soot on a Mineral Particle





Scattering/Absorption Efficiency





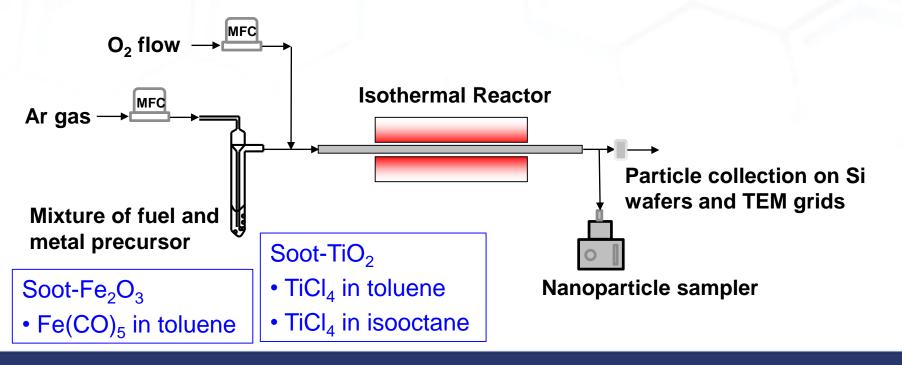
Lab-Generated Mixed-Phase Particles

Purpose

- Quantify variation in absorption and scattering in ambient particles based on lab "proxies"
- Reference materials for calibrating optical measurements

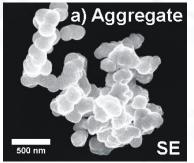
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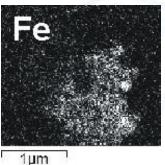
- Separate absorbing and scattering phases
- Control particle size, shape/morphology, and phase placement

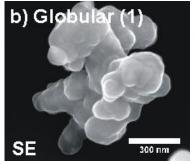


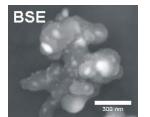
Soot-Fe₂O₃

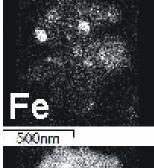
Fe(CO)₅ in Toluene, >1000 °C

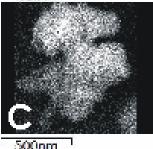






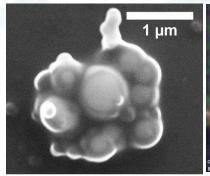


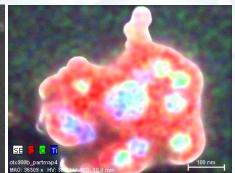




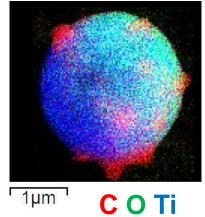
Soot-TiO₂

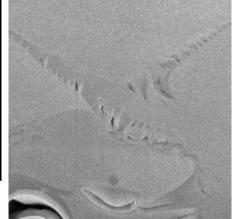
TiCl₄ in Isooctane, 900 °C





TiCl₄ in Toluene, 900 °C





Paradigm for Binary-Phase Particulate Reference Materials

	Strongly Scattering			Weakly Scattering				
Strongly	Inclusion(s) +	Candidate: Soot + TiO ₂	Inc	Inclusion(s) + Can		lidate: Fe ₂ O ₃ + Soot		
Absorbing	Matrix		Ma	Matrix				
	Core / Shell	Candidate:	Со	re / Shell	Candidate:			
		Soot / (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄			Soot	/ PAH(e.g. fluorene)		
	Core / Shell	Candidate: TiO ₂ / Soot	Core / Shell		Candi	Candidate: Fe ₂ O ₃ / soot		
		(High temp TiO ₂ synthesis			(High t		temp Fe ₂ O ₃ synthesis	
		followed by lower temp			follow	ved by lov	ver temp	
		coating with soot)			coatir	coating with soot)		
Weakly	Inclusion(s) +	Candidate:				R.I.	k	
Absorbing	Matrix	$Fe_2O_3 + TiO_2$		Coot				
	Shell / Core	Candidate:		Soot TiO ₂		1.95	0.79	
		PAH(e.g. perylene) / TiO ₂				2.85-255	~0	
	Core / Shell	Candidate:		Fe ₂ O ₃		2.3-2.18	0.15-0.07	
		TiO ₂ / PAH (e.g., perylene) (High temp TiO ₂ synthesis	(NH4) ₂ SO ₄			1.53	~0	
				Perylene (sub. 350-400°C	;)	1.7	0.26	
		followed by lower temp	Fluorene (b.p. 2		293°C)	1.6		
		coating with PAH)						



Future Directions

 Comprehensive assessment of natural variation in solar absorption and scattering for atmospheric dust:

Variation assessed for

- Regions
- Seasons
- Urban vs. rural
- Aged aerosol
- Suite of lab-generated particles with mixed absorption and scattering phases for optical measurement calibration
 - Size resolved
 - Morphology controlled



Thank you for your attention!

